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1. Construction work on the HUKO foundry near Kosice virtually came to an end late in 1952.¹ It was finally realized that the plans were completely wrong, that the soil was unsuitable for such heavy structures and that the entire project was economically misplaced in a region so far removed from the industrial areas and coal mines of Czechoslovakia.
2. The Brno Foundries Project (Hutni Projekt), National Enterprise, which employs some 200 experts at making blueprints for the HUKO foundry, has noted that during late winter and early spring 1953 the Ministry of Heavy Engineering did not approve a single one of the plans drawn up for the HUKO foundry.

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1. Comment: that the confusion caused by various previous reports on the HUKO foundry, some of which stated that work on it had been discontinued while others stated that production had actually begun there, may have resulted from a confusion by the sources of two new plants in eastern Slovakia, one the HUKO foundry and the other the new plant at Snina which was reported work on the HUKO foundry may have been abandoned while the Snina plant may now be in production.

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